

Treasury Department,

BUREAU OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., July 15, 1891.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

In instructing the gentlemen who represented this Bureau at the annual settlement at your Mint on the 30th., ultimo, I told them that they would give you credit in the count of your funds for the Silver Bars stored in the vaults under the custody of Mr. Gross, at the amount reported to them by him. To my surprise, the report that no record has been kept of the amount of silver contained in the bars, either in fine ounces or in standard ounces.

As their report is used by the Accounting Officers to check the balances reported in your Bullion accounts of June 30th., it is absolutely necessary that they should report the actual amount of silver in your possession. This, of course, can only be reported in fine ounces or in standard ounces as you take it up in your accounts. You will therefore, have prepared at once, an exact statement of the number, gross weight, fineness and either standard or fine weight of the bars stored under the custody of Mr. Gross and all this data will be entered upon the book of record of such bars.

The list to be furnished this Bureau will only comprise the


bars on hand on June 30, but thereafter the vault book will show this information right along.

The calculations should be made by the regular calculating clerks of the Mint, that is, by two independent persons and not by Mr. Gross or the other gentleman associated with him whose duty it is simply to see what the bars actually weigh and that they are safely stored.

You will please have this done at the earliest possible moment regardless of the amount of labor involved, as it is absolutely necessary to complete the report of the examiners.

You will understand that it is not the amount of silver contained in the bars as received, which is to be reported, but the amount contained in each bar stored.

Very respectfully,


Director of the Mint.

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[Abstract:] Relative to instructions given to gentlemen representing Bureau at annual settlement at Mint – relative to storage bars.

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